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**Amendments to the Claims:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A hair holding device comprising:

a first body member and a second body member, said first and second body members comprising hair gripping portions adapted to be squeezed by a user whereby said hair gripping portions come into contact with gathered strands of a user's hair;

hinge means for pivotally connecting said first and second body members; and

adjustment means comprising a non-slip friction mechanism coaxially arranged with respect to said hinge means for causing said hair gripping portions to remain at a point at which said hair gripping portions are squeezed together by a user.

2. Canceled.

3. (Currently Amended) The hair holding device of claim 2 1 wherein said non-slip friction mechanism comprises a first irregular surface associated with said first body member, a second irregular surface associated with said second body member, and biasing means for maintaining contact between said

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first and second irregular surfaces such that a non-slip friction interface is created between said first and second surfaces.

4. (Original) The hair holding device of claim 3 wherein said non-slip friction interface extends perpendicular to said hinge means.

5. (Original) The hair holding device of claim 3 wherein said first and second irregular surfaces are mating toothed surfaces.

6. (Original) The hair holding device of claim 3 wherein said biasing means comprise a tension spring having a first end in contact with said first body member and a second end in contact with said second body member for biasing said hair gripping portions into a predetermined position.

7. (Withdrawn) The hair holding device of claim 3 further comprising disengagement means for releasing contact between said first and second irregular surfaces in opposition to a biasing force of said tension spring to permit removal of said device from a user's hair.

8. (Withdrawn) The hair holding device of claim 3 wherein at least one of said irregular surfaces is integral with at least one of said first and second body members.

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9. (Original) The hair holding device of claim 3 wherein at least one of said irregular surfaces is provided on at least one insert carried by at least one of said first and second body members.